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## HERE'S TO YOU, KEVIN

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I lay my carnations by your casket  
And I say my last few words  
With other flower-bearing traffic  
Upon the branches I hear birds

So He's called another one  
He rises up, though faithful he will still die young  
And it was no accident, albeit sung  
"It's fair to He, with faithful un-  
derstanding" simple times with laughter, smiles  
A man was sick - Reversion child  
Dependence as depression piles  
So cloaked in guile his façade then cast a shadow of his soul that spiraled  
Down into the ground before me, his body too  
While an audience is forced to applaud  
This skydive's resolution of unfathomable loss

"And so we are gathered here today"

A modest gathering of bittersweet  
Defeat he rests in peace while I'm in pieces  
As a Pisces: he was born conceited  
He struts his fins along the shore but then the ocean line receded  
Shuddered breathing represents the very life that you preceded  
But can you feel it? A wind cometh over just for you and it repeated  
The birds that chirped were just alerts for the calming sway of leaning trees and  
Just for you, the rigid atmosphere was then and only then alleviated  
The stranded Pisces on the shoreline passes peacefully while the clouds bulge out with precipitation  
But he was forsaken, he's already gone  
He made his mistakes and admitted his wrongs  
He paved his way and treaded it strong  
So until we meet again,  
So long



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